



Find the wild!

From the Green Hairstreak Butterfly in Golden Gate Heights to the Pacific Chorus Frog in Potrero Hill, San Francisco is home to diverse species. Visit natural areas in the city to see birds, butterflies, and beautiful wildflowers!

Alcatraz Island

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Animals: birds (black-crowned night heron, cormorants, egrets, gulls, pigeon guillemot)

Plants: bulbs, fig, polypody fern, roses, succulents,

Baker Beach

Presidio

Animals: over 200 species of birds (brown pelican, cormorants, gulls, western grebe)

Plants: dune tansy, Indian paintbrush, lupines, sea thrift, San Francisco wallflower

Bayview Park

Bayview / Visitacion Valley

Animals: California alligator lizard, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, western fence lizard, woodpeckers

Plants: California sagebrush, Islais cherry, mule's ear, checkerbloom



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Bernal Heights Park

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Animals: birds (Anna's hummingbird, American kestrel, dark-eyed junco, red-tailed hawk, Townsend's warbler, western meadowlark), coyote, gophers, lizards, salamanders

Plants: blue-eyed grass, checkerbloom, coyote mint, footsteps of spring, lupines, purple needlegrass, red fescue, shooting star, sun cup

Buena Vista Park

Haight-Ashbury / Corona Heights

Animals: birds (brown creeper, nuthatches, sapsuckers), gophers, squirrels, western harvest mice

Plants: coast live oak, gooseberry, pink-flowering currant

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

Bayview

Animals: birds (American wigeon, egrets, greater scaup, hawks, pelicans, ruddy duck, surf scoter)

Plants: coast buckwheat, California flannelbush, coyote bush, toyon

Coastal Bluffs / Marshall Beach

Presidio

Animals: birds (Brandt's cormorant, brown pelican, gulls, sanderling, western grebe, willet), dolphins, seals

Plants: California blue blossom, soap plant, Douglas iris, osoberry, coast angelica

Corona Heights Park

Corona Heights / Castro

Animals: alligator lizards, birds (dark-eyed junco, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (anise swallowtail)

Plants: California poppy, checkerbloom, Douglas iris, footsteps of spring, johnny jump-up, mule's ear

Crissy Field

Presidio

Animals: birds (cormorants, elegant tern, gulls, least sandpiper, western grebe)

Plants: beach saltbush, California cordgrass, pickleweed, toyon, wax myrtle

Fort Funston National Park

Lakeshore

Animals: birds (bank swallows, cormorants, gulls, hummingbirds, raptors, warblers), dolphins, sea lions, seals

Plants: beach cryptantha, blueblossom, dune tansy, Indian paintbrush, seaside buckwheat, tea tree



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Fort Mason

Marina / Fisherman's Wharf

Animals: approximately 180 species of birds! (cormorants, finches, hawks, herons, hummingbirds, parakeets, pelicans, sparrows, warblers)

Plants: California buckeye, California blackberry, toyon

Glen Canyon Park

Diamond Heights, Glen Park

Animals: birds (cedar waxwing, house finch, yellow-rumped warbler), coyote, San Francisco forktail damselfly

Plants: bee plant, blue-eyed grass, California blackberry, California poppy, checkerbloom, coastal sage, coyote brush, horsetails, mule's ears, red columbine, seep monkey flower, willow trees

Green Hairstreak Corridor

Golden Gate Heights

Animals: birds (Anna's hummingbird, peregrine falcon, pygmy nuthatch, western scrub jay, white-crowned sparrow), eastern gray squirrel

Plants: beach wormwood, lupines, seaside buckwheat, seaside daisy, sea thrift, San Francisco wallflower

Heron's Head Park

Bayview / Hunter's Point

Animals: birds (American avocet, black oystercatcher, brown pelican, bufflehead, California clapper rail, cormorants, great egret, gulls, least sandpiper, red-tailed hawk, Say's phoebe)

Plants: Artemisia, clarkia amoena, coyote brush, sea thrift, salt grass, California sea blite

India Basin Shoreline Park

India Basin / Hunter's Point

Animals: birds (American avocet, brown pelican, great blue heron, gulls, northern harrier, raptors, snowy egret)

Plants: cordgrass, marsh rosemary, pickleweed, seashore saltgrass, toad rush, toyon

Inspiration Point

Presidio

Animals: over 200 species of birds! (Allen's hummingbird, cedar waxwing, house finch, red-masked parakeet, red-tailed hawk, white-crowned sparrow)

Plants: California goldfields, coastal red onion, coast live oak, meadow barley, Presidio clarkia, tidy tips

John McLaren Park

Excelsior / Portola / Visitacion Valley

Animals: birds (American robin, house finch, mallard, red-winged blackbird, western meadowlark, white-crowned sparrow, yellow-rumped warbler), butterflies (anise swallowtail), California slender salamander

Plants: sky lupine, soap plant, purple needle grass, Johnny jump-ups, lupines



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Lake Merced Park

Lakeshore

Animals: birds (Anna's hummingbird, black-crowned night heron, fox sparrow, pied-billed grebe, western tanager), ensatina

Plants: beach strawberry, ceanothus, coast iris, coastal sagebrush, monkeyflower, trees (cypress, eucalyptus, pine, oak, willow), yarrow

Land's End

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Animals: birds (black oystercatcher, brown creeper, chestnut-backed chickadee, cormorants, great horned owl, hummingbirds, long-billed curlew, wandering tattler, western scrub-jay), coyote, dolphins, northern river otter

Plants: blueblossom, buckwheat, bush lupine, coast live oak, coyote brush, lizardtail, monkeyflower, yarrow

Lobos Creek

Presidio

Animals: birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, mourning dove, pygmy nuthatch, yellow warbler), butterflies (gray hairstreak)

Plants: dune tansy, San Francisco wallflower, San Francisco lessingia, mock heather

Mission Creek Park

Mission Bay

Animals: bat ray, birds (brown pelican, cedar waxwing, cormorants, grebes, mourning dove, sandpipers, snowy egret, warbler), butterflies (gray hairstreak, western tiger swallowtail), blue dasher dragonfly, leopard shark, sea lions

Plants: cordgrass, pickleweed, saltgrass

Mt. Davidson Park

Miraloma Park / Westwood Highlands / Sherwood Forest

Animals: bees, birds (American robin, band-tailed pigeon, cedar waxwing, house finch, pine siskin, vaux's swift, western tanager), California alligator lizard, western fence lizard

Plants: blue-eyed grass, California huckleberry, California poppy, checkerbloom, Douglas iris, hog fennel, lupine, mule's ear, Pacific reed grass

Mount Sutro

Parnassus Heights / Forest Knolls / Cole Valley

Animals: birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, dark-eyed junco, hawks, house finch, hummingbirds, jays, owls, sparrows, warblers, woodpeckers), California slender salamander, coyote, skunks, squirrels, raccoons

Plants: blackberry, ferns, osoberry, red elderberry, Pacific reed grass, hillside pea



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Mountain Lake Park

Presidio / Richmond

Animals: bees, birds (American coot, American robin, ducks, gulls, herons, sparrows), butterflies (west coast lady), fish, turtles

Plants: blueblossom ceanothus, coast live oak, red-flowering currant, red alder

Oak Woodlands

Golden Gate Park

Animals: birds (American robin, bushtit, brown creeper, Canada goose, dark-eyed junco, nuthatches, sapsuckers, jays, thrush), Botta's pocket gopher, gray squirrel

Plants: coast live oak, miner's lettuce, poison oak, sticky monkey flower, pink flowering currant

Ocean Beach

Sunset / Richmond / Golden Gate Park

Animals: birds (cormorants, elegant tern, gulls, marbled godwit, sanderling, sooty shearwater, western snowy plover, willet)

Plants: beach strawberry, yellow sand verbena, beach grass, seaside daisy

Pier 39 (K-Dock)

Fisherman's Warf

Animals: birds (black-crowned night heron, brown pelican, double-crested cormorant, gulls, western grebe), California sea lion, harbor seal, fish

Pine Lake Park

Parkside, Sunset

Animals: birds (American coot, blackbirds, black phoebe, cormorants, doves, egrets, fox sparrow, hawks, herons, Steller's jay, swallows), butterflies (monarch, red admiral), gophers, lizards, mice, opossums, salamanders, skunks, turtles

Plants: tule, willow, rushes, sedges

San Francisco Botanical Garden

Golden Gate Park

Animals: birds (American robin, cedar waxwing, Cooper's hawk, gulls, hummingbirds, sparrows, wigeon), butterflies (cabbage white, pipevine swallowtail), California slender salamander, honey bees, mosquito fish

Plants: ceanothus, coast silk tassel, currant, dawn redwood, Douglas' meadowfoam, glory bush, miner's lettuce

Starr King Open Space

Potrero Hill

Animals: bees, birds (bushtit, chestnut-backed chickadee, sparrows), butterflies (anise swallowtail)

Plants: goldfields, mariposa lily, purple needle grass



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Strawberry Hill

Golden Gate Park

Animals: birds (American coot, Brewer's blackbird, cedar waxwing, Canada goose, mallard, pygmy nuthatch, red-tailed hawk, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (American lady, swallowtails, monarchs), turtles

Plants: bracken, willow, coast live oak, wild cucumber

Twin Peaks

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Animals: birds (cedar waxwing, house finch, peregrine falcon, red-tailed hawk, Say's phoebe, white-crowned sparrow), butterflies (anise swallowtail, checkered skipper, mission blue, painted lady, red admiral), brush rabbit, California alligator lizard, coyote

Plants: blue dicks, California Melic grass, coast rock cress, coyote brush, lizard tail, lupine, Pacific reed grass, pearly everlasting

Additional Resources

[Green Connection Maps](#) - Learn about long-term plans to restore local habitat and improve 115 miles of San Francisco streets.

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